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ABSTRACT

A position control apparatus of an optical system capable of positioning a lens at a high accuracy in a near-field optical system using a solid immersion lens. An objective lens [[2]] and a solid immersion lens are fixed to a lens holder [[4]]. The lens holder [[4]] is moved by a tracking actuator [[5]] in the tracking direction of an optical disk [[51]] and is moved by a focus actuator [[8]] in the focus direction. The focus actuator [[8]] is controlled on the basis of the electrostatic capacitance occurring between the solid immersion lens [[3]] and the optical disk [[51]].